

WHEREAS; ; the Wisconsin civil service system was established on June 17, 1905, when Governor Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette signed into law one of the earliest state-level civil service bills in the country; and

WHEREAS; for 118 years, the Wisconsin civil service system has ensured that public services are delivered with professionalism, efficiency, and integrity by highly qualified workers; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin civil service system's original slogan, "The Best Shall Serve the State," has guided its principles of hiring, promoting, and evaluating based on merit through fair and unbiased processes free from discrimination or partisanship; and

WHEREAS; the civil service system promotes democratic values—such as equity, transparency, and public service—within state agencies and was created to protect Wisconsinites from patronage, corruption, and excessive political interference; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Coalition to Save Civil Service in recognizing the important contributions of civil servants to the quality of public services enjoyed by folks across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 17 2023 as

WISCONSIN CIVIL SERVICE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State